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SUBJ: BURUNDI'S POSITION ON INCURSION INTO ZAIRE

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1. BURUNDI DAILY NEWS BULLETIN AND RADIO ON MARCH 18 REPORTED 45 MINUTE TALK OF ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR EFOMI WITH PRIME MINISTER NZAMBIMANA ON INCURSION INTO ANGOLA. MEDIA NOTE EFOMI'S DESCRIPTION OF TROUBLES IN SHABA AS "RESULT OF THE INVASION OF COMBATANTS WHO LEFT FROM ANGOLA". EFOMI THEN REPORTEDLY TOLD PRIMIN THAT ZAIRE WISHES TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATION AND TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM BY DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS.

2. NZAMBIMANA REPLIED THAT BURUNDI IS UNEASY ABOUT SOUTH SHABA SITUATION AND WOULD LIKE ZAIRE AND ANGOLA TO FIND A SOLUTION WITHIN THE OAU AND POSSIBLY LATER IN THE UN. BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS WITHOUT FIGHTING, WHICH WOULD ONLY RUN THE RISK OF VIETNAMIZING THE REGION IF THERE SHOULD BE FOREIGN INTERVENTION. PRIMIN SUGGESTED THAT THE MIXED ANGOLAN-ZAIRIAN COMMISSION CREATED IN BRAZZAVILLE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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1976 MIGHT MEET TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD.

3. COMMENT: THE EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT METED OUT TO BOTH THE ZAIRIAN AND ANGOLAN POSITIONS CONFIRMS BURUNDI'S DESIRE TO AVOID TAKING SIDES IN THE SHABA IMBGOGLIO DESPITE ITS SUPPOSED ALLIANCE WITH ZAIRE.
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